



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



December 3, 2025

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Bring Science to Life with the PW 4-H Embryology Project!



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Why Participate?

- Meets Virginia SOLs in math, science, English, life science, and computer technology.
- Builds responsibility, respect for life, and critical thinking.
- Supports teamwork and leadership development.
- Students gain hands-on experience with 4-H staff guidance every step of the way.

Who Can Join?

Prince William 4-H Clubs • Private and Public Schools • Homeschool Groups • Manassas City Schools • Manassas Park Schools

See [Page 6](#) for more information. [Click here to register your group.](#) Participation may be limited due to egg availability - register early!



Shop and Support Local 4-H'ers!



Location: Tractor Supply Co., 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas

Mark your calendars - December 14th, Noon to 3 PM at TSC.

Come hang out with members of Nokesville 4-H Club and Patriot High School 4-H Club! They'll be sharing their 4-H stories and showing how YOU can help create opportunities for the next generation of community leaders. Grab your holiday shopping and make a difference at the same time!

4-H Club Table Slots Available: [Click here for signup.](#) Bring your biggest 4-H smile and let's show what 4-H is all about!



Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club: Balancing Hooves and Hustle

By Sierra-Nicole Wimer, Nokesville Equestrian 4-H'er

December 1, 2025

MY YEAR WITH THE NOKESVILLE 4-H EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Balancing high school athletics with my passion for horses has made this year both busy and rewarding. In addition to playing flag football and running indoor and outdoor track for my school, I've dedicated much of my time to the Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club. Officer elections are held in October, but with my packed schedule I decided to hold off on running for a position. Even so, being part of the club has given me countless opportunities to learn, compete, and grow.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club is involved in community service, participating in programs like "Santa Cops", adopting families at Christmas, and making Valentine's cards with residents at a retirement home. Unfortunately, my schedule kept me from joining these projects this year, but I was able to volunteer at the Food Challenge. One of my favorite traditions remains Christmas caroling on horseback, a unique way to spread holiday cheer while sharing our love of horses with the community.

COMPETITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

This year I competed in both hippology and horse judging at Block and Bridle and EquiSmartz. Winning a belt buckle at Block and Bridle was a highlight, and finishing second at EquiSmartz qualified me for the Virginia State 4-H Horse Judging Team.

As part of the State team, I traveled to Georgia, Ohio, and Kentucky. At the Southern Regional in Perry, GA, I placed 7th overall individually, with Virginia Team "A" finishing 4th overall. At the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio, I competed against 136 participants, placing 41st overall, while our team finished 19th. The season concluded at the Eastern National Round Up in Louisville, KY, where I placed 7th overall individually, and Virginia earned Reserve Champion.

SHOWING FIRE AND MAJOR

Beyond judging, I also competed at Southern Regionals with my pony, Dare U (better known as Fire). Together we earned Reserve Champion in Showmanship and placed 10th in both Hunter Type Geldings and Equitation Over Fences.

Southern Regionals is always a favorite, but this year I was most excited for the Virginia 4-H Horse and Pony Championships in September. Normally, I only show Fire in Hunter Pleasure Pony and Large Pony Hunter, but this year I also showed Tinariwen (aka Major) in Dressage. It was a phenomenal experience, as I won the High Point Dressage score, the Dressage Classics, Hunter Pleasure Pony Classics, and earned Reserve Champion titles in Hunter Pleasure Pony, Large Pony Hunter, and Senior Showmanship.

LOOKING BACK

Reflecting on this past year, I am proud of the balance I've managed between school academics, school sports, travel sports and 4-H. While I couldn't participate in every service project, I contributed where I could and celebrated many successes in the show ring and judging arena. More importantly, I've grown as a member of the community, a rider, competitor, and teammate.

Being part of the Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club has taught me resilience, discipline, and the value of community. From caroling on horseback to representing Virginia at national competitions, each experience has strengthened my love for horses and my pride in being part of 4-H. I look forward to continuing to build on these accomplishments, supporting my club, and embracing new challenges in the year ahead.





Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Patriot High School 4-H Club



**Beyond
Ready**

By Azadeh Hill, Patriot High School 4-H Club Reporter

December 1, 2025. In the last month, the Patriot High School 4-H Club has established its foundation! It recruited new members, held elections, created its agenda, and attended officer training for the first time. The club is off to a busy, but productive start!

Patriot 4-H Club hopes to establish a garden utilizing hydroponics that already existed within the school that have been abandoned. It also hopes to participate in community events like food drives and potentially Wreaths Across America.

Patriot 4-H Club is excited to continue perusing its goals and to see what the year has in store for it!



WELCOME FROM PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H!

We're so excited to have a new 4-H community club in the county - especially one focused on Agriculture, one of the core 4-H pillars! You're already making moves by growing your club and getting involved at the county level, and that's awesome. As high school 4-H'ers, here are a few tips to help you thrive:

1. **Register in 4-H Online:** Make sure you sign up (*and include your own email, not just your parent's*). This is how you'll get info on county, district, and state opportunities - like scholarships! It's free, but required for all 4-H activities.
2. **Use the Resources:** 4-H projects are backed by research-based curriculum to help you succeed. Prince William 4-H works closely with **Thomas Bolles**, our Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent. Got Ag questions? [Email Mr. Bolles for expert advice!](#)
And check out these cool learning tools:
 - **National 4-H Curriculum:** [Soilless Growing Systems: A Hydroponics Guide](#)
 - **Virginia Tech Video:** [Virtual Farm to Table: Hydroponic Salad Greens](#)
 - Want to level up? Explore the **Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate Program** from VSU. Classes are offered in March—online or in-person! [Click here to check out last year's program.](#)
3. **Stay on Top of Record Keeping:** Your 4-H Project Record is due October 1, but don't wait! Update it monthly so you don't forget anything. Download the [PW 4-H Project Record form](#) here. 4-H Club Officers, click here to download your position's [leadership record form](#).
4. **Build Your Communication Skills:** Join our SPIN Club: *Leading by Speaking!* It's a 6-meeting series starting December 10. Registration is free, but required. ([See Page 8](#) for details.)

We can't wait to see **Patriot High School 4-H'ers GROW WITH 4-H!**

Thank YOU for Your 4-H Club Reports



PW 4-H Club Officers - We want to hear MORE from you! Each month, club reporters, historians, or secretaries send a quick summary of your club's activities (*cool projects, service, awards, shoutouts*), about 6 photos, and any thank-yous to community supporters. Don't forget to sign your name, officer role, and club name, then email it to

chelminger@pwcva.gov and CC your adult club leader. These reports help track your club's journey, keep families and the community in the loop, and might even attract new members! Plus, you're building real-world skills - try using AI to turn your report into a newsletter article!



Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday (Dec 1)
Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club
Patriot High School 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Dec 8)
Kettle Run 4-H Club
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Dec 15)
Trigger Time 4-H Club

4th Monday (Dec 22)
Nokesville 4-H Club
Linton Hall 4-H Club

Dec 11th: PW 4-H Teen Canning Class



LEARN CANNING WITH PW 4-H

READY TO CAN? LEARN A SKILL THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!

Date: Thursday, December 11

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: St. Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow

Who should Attend: Youth ages 13-19

[Click here to register.](#)

Looking for a fun, hands-on way to level up your kitchen skills and impress your friends and family? Prince William 4-H is hosting an Introduction to Safe Canning class - just in time for holiday gift giving!

This isn't just about putting food in jars - it's about learning a skill that promotes food safety, self-sufficiency, and healthy living. Plus, you'll walk away with something you made yourself...**cranberry orange chutney!**

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- **Food Safety Basics:** Why cleanliness matters and how to prevent contamination. Learn about botulism and other foodborne risks (and how to avoid them!).
- **Tools of the Trade:** How to use canners, jars, lids, and other essential equipment the right way. Tips for keeping your gear in top shape.
- **Step-by-Step Canning Process:** From washing and prepping produce to filling jars and sealing lids. Master processing times and altitude adjustments.
- **Labeling & Storage:** How to date jars, organize your pantry, and spot spoilage before it's a problem.
- **Nutrition & Sustainability:** Preserve seasonal produce for year-round enjoyment. Reduce food waste and save money while eating healthy.
- **Hands-On Practice:** You'll actually can a product yourself—because learning by doing is the best way!

LIFE SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN

- Responsibility and attention to detail
- Problem-solving and critical thinking
- Confidence in preparing safe, homemade food

Don't miss out - spots are limited!

Dec 13th: PW 4-H Wreaths Across America

VOLUNTEER FOR WREATH LAYING!

[Click here to Volunteer for PW 4-H Wreath Laying.](#)

PUBLIC WREATH LAYING

Time: 12 PM (noon)

Parking Location: Mt Zion Baptist Church, 18410 Chapel St, Triangle
Carpooling is encouraged because parking is limited at the church. A free shuttle is provided to bring participants to and from the cemetery and will run from noon until all wreaths are placed. [Click here for more details.](#)

OPENING CEREMONY

The in-person ceremony is restricted this year, however, we're encouraged to watch the livestream on the [Wreaths Across America - Quantico Facebook Page.](#)

Wreaths Across America



Remember Honor Teach

Wreaths Across America helps us honor our fallen soldiers who bravely defended our country. Prince William 4-H has a proud tradition of supporting and participating in this meaningful event.

You can show your support for both 4-H and Wreaths Across America by, sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave. You can also volunteer to help lay wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery.

Together, we can remember, honor, and teach the value of service and sacrifice.

Where: Quantico National Cemetery When:
December 13th, 2025 (Time TBD)





JOIN US FOR
PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'S

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

DECEMBER 3RD, 2025
6-8 PM

Arbor Terrace - Sudley Manor
7750 Garner Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

Join Prince William 4-H for a FREE night of holiday fun at Arbor Terrace! All 4-H'ers are invited to bring a friend and spread some cheer with hands-on activities for all ages - no prep needed, 4-H provides everything! Just show up with your best 4-H smile and help light up the night with joy, laughter, and holiday spirit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PW 4-H Teens (14 & Up): Click here to volunteer to run an activity table.

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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



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WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Meets Virginia SOLs in math, science, English, life science, and computer technology.
- Builds responsibility, respect for life, and critical thinking.
- Includes step-by-step 4-H educational materials guiding students from incubation to brooder building.
- Supported by Prince William 4-H staff every step of the way.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Prince William 4-H Clubs
- Prince William County Schools
- Manassas City Schools
- Manassas Park Schools
- Homeschool Groups

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Fertilized eggs
- Training and guidance
- Support during the hatch
- Chick collection and transport to a local farm

Don't miss this chance to make science come alive in your classroom or club! Spots fill quickly, so sign up Dec 1st and give your students an experience they'll never forget.



IMPORTANT DATES*

Dec 1 - Registration Opens

Jan 5 - Registration Closes

EDUCATOR TRAINING OPTIONS

Feb 4 - 6-7:30 PM @ PW 4-H

Feb 11 - Time & Location TBD

INCUBATOR PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 5 - 1-4 PM

Feb 9 - 10 AM - 2 PM

EGG PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 16 - 4-6 PM

Feb 17 - 9 AM - 12 PM

HATCH DAYS

Mar 9 - 13

CHICK DROP OFF @ PW 4-H

Mar 20 - 2-6 PM

Mar 26 - 12-3 PM

*Dates subject to change

Registration is **OPEN!**
Click here to register.



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4-H ADULT LEADER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Join PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch for dynamic, one-hour virtual sessions designed for all 4-H adult leaders and volunteers. These interactive meetings dive into key topics like positive youth development (PYD), social-emotional learning (SEL), emotional intelligence, and problem-solving—all within the context of 4-H project work. Plus, we'll explore additional subjects based on your club's unique needs and interests. Whether you're looking to connect with fellow volunteers, deepen your understanding of youth development, or inspire tomorrow's leaders, these sessions are a valuable opportunity to grow and make a lasting impact.



4-H Positive Youth Development (PYD)

Learn how to empower young people by fostering critical life skills like leadership, problem-solving, and community engagement through hands-on projects in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.



Youth Social Emotional Learning

Understand how to use the 4-H Thriving Model to emphasize high-quality, safe, and caring environments to help youth thrive, reach essential life goals, and achieve academic and social success.



Youth Emotional Intelligence

Understand a holistic approach that addresses mental health, education, employability, and character development, promoting healthy lifestyles and self-esteem in 4-H projects and activities.



Youth Problem Solving

By focusing on youth strengths and providing opportunities, relationships, and support, the 4-H PYD model helps young people thrive and reach their fullest potential, ultimately benefiting themselves, their families, and their communities.

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**CLICK HERE TO JOIN
ZOOM MEETING FROM
7-8 PM**

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Prince William 4-H SPIN Project Leading by Speaking



Who

The 4-H Youth Leadership SPIN Club, in partnership with Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program, is an 8-session hands-on program designed for 4-H'ers ages 9-18.

What

Learn to speak with confidence, deliver powerful speeches, think on your feet, use your voice and body language effectively, and give and receive feedback like a pro!

Where & When

Session Dates*: December 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, & February 4

*please commit to all sessions!

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters

Why

Public speaking is a cornerstone skill in 4-H because it builds confidence, leadership, and communication abilities that youth can use throughout life. Lead your club, challenge yourself in 4-H competitions, and grow your voice as a leader.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Participation is free, sponsored by PW 4-H.
Space is limited. Register by Dec 5th.
Enroll in 4-H Online prior to registering.



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CALLING ALL 4-H ERS 4TH GRADE AND UP

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 5



4-H DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Experience 4-H in Richmond: meet
Prince William legislators, explore the
Capitol, and much more!



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

CHECK OUT STATE LAW § 22.1-207.7

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IS A PARTNERSHIP OF VIRGINIA TECH, VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. FOR THE FULL NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT, PLEASE VISIT [EXT.VT.EDU/ACCESSIBILITY](https://ext.vt.edu/accessibility).

Scholarship Alert! We Know Some PW 4-H'ers that MUST Apply!

**PRINCE WILLIAM
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**



[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Applications are due February 6th by 5 PM.

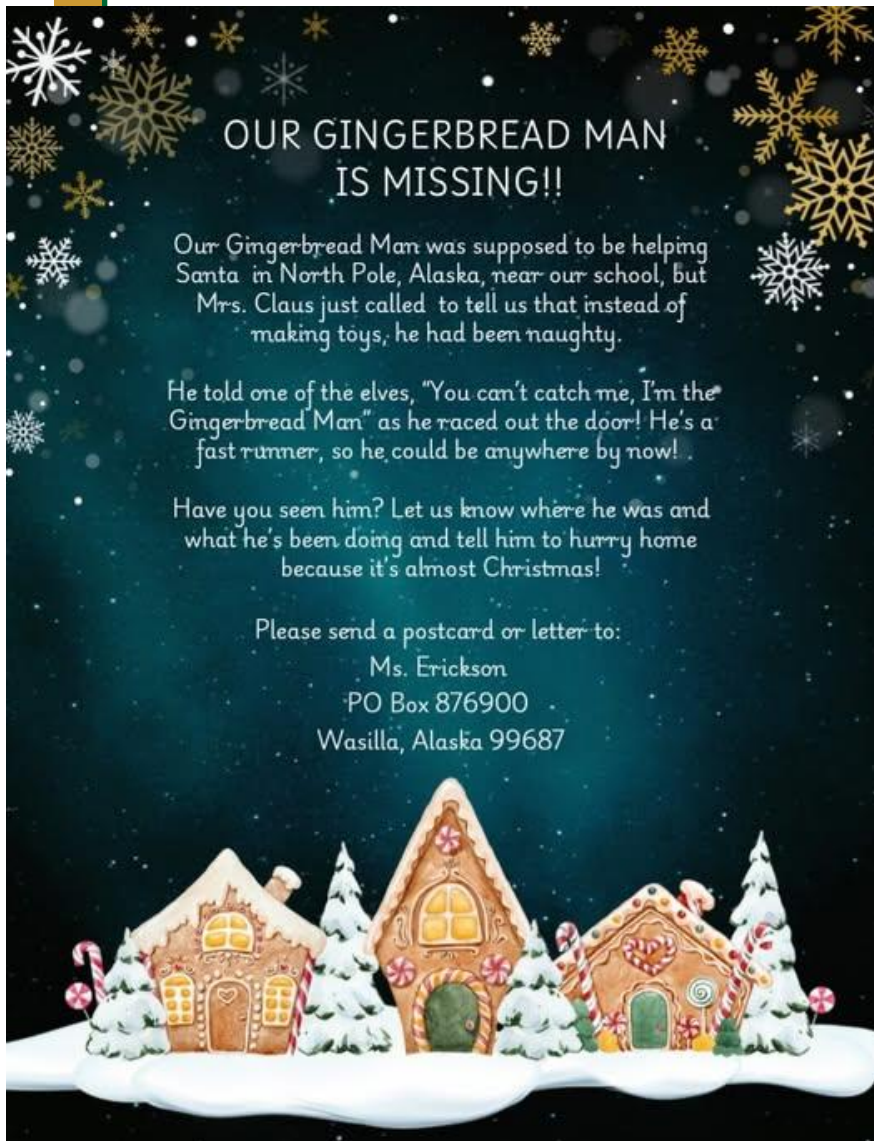
Each year, the Prince William Chamber Foundation, in partnership with the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, awards \$2,500 scholarships to outstanding local graduating high school seniors. For 2026, the Chamber will award 5 (five) scholarships. Four of the scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, and one will be directed to alternative schooling/adult education.

This year, the Chamber Foundation will award 5 scholarships in the following categories:

★ Workforce Development & Certification ★ Higher Education ★ Military & Public Service
★ Entrepreneurship ★ Adult Education Eligibility Requirements!

PW 4-H'ers - Help Find the Missing Gingerbread Man!

Looking for a creative activity to launch your holiday spirit? Send a letter to an elementary school located by the REAL NORTH POLE in Alaska! Consider sending a photo of your gingerbread man or house with your story. (*Sounds a little like the adventures of Flat Stanley!*)



VA 4-H All Star Awards

Who Should Apply: Virginia 4-H All Stars
Apply by midnight December 31st.

Each year the Virginia 4-H All Stars recognize selected 4-H All Stars and award college scholarships during the 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference. The 2026 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference will be held in Petersburg, February 7-8, 2026. 4-H All Stars selected for recognition or scholarships should attend the Midwinter Conference.

- [C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence](#) (for faculty) Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit, district or state Extension faculty members.
- [Dottie Nelson Award Nomination](#) (for volunteer adult leaders) Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit, chapter, or state Extension faculty members.
- [Hall of Fame Nomination](#) (for VA 4-H All Stars with more than 15 years of service) Nominations may be made by individual All Stars, unit, or district chapters.
- [Bradshaw Award](#) (for VA 4-H All Stars with less than 15 years of service) Nominations may be made by individual All Stars, Extension personnel, unit, or district chapters.
- [Wayne Keffer Scholarship Application](#) - (for current VA 4-H All Star college and graduate students of any age) The Wayne Keffer Scholarship Fund provides two \$1,000 college scholarships annually!

VA 4-H Meat Science Career Day & Clinic

Date: Saturday, January 24th, 2026

Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: VT Food Science and Technology Building, Blacksburg

Who Should Participate: VA4-H and FFA youth ages 13-19


[Click here to register.](#) **Register by Jan 7th at 5 PM**

Visit with industry experts and learn more about Meat Science Industry Career Opportunities and Meat Evaluation and Retail Meats Identification.

The Morning Program will be split into three tracks: VT Swine Center Tour, Live Animal Evaluation, and Meat Science Career Track

- Youth Ages 13 – 15 will select either the VT Swine Center Tour or the Live Animal Evaluation Track
- Youth Ages 16 – 19 will participate in the Meat Science Career Track that includes hands on learning opportunities with some of the industry's leading professionals.

The Afternoon Program will include Beef & Lamb Evaluation, Pork Evaluation, and Retail Meat Identification with participants split into groups based on ages.



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MEAT SCIENCE CAREER DAY & EVALUATION CLINIC

Join us for a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at the meat industry! Practice judging & evaluation for the State Meats Contest!


- ★ VT Facilities Tour
- ★ Live Animal Evaluation
- ★ Country Ham Processing
- ★ Marketing
- ★ Judging & Identification

GET INSPIRED. GET INVOLVED.
GET A TASTE OF THE FUTURE.

Register Now & Secure Your Spot!

FFA: 6th grade & up
4H: 13 years old & up

**\$15
Registration
(includes lunch!)**



VA 4-H: VT B&B Feed Kits

Starter and NEW Add-On Kits Available

- Starter Kits will be like those offered last spring
- Add-on Kits will include additional feeds not included in the Starter Kit
- Various pick-up locations and shipping options available
- Great kits to use as resources for Livestock and Dairy Skillathons, Hippology, Junior Stockman's, or other Youth Animal Science Educational Programs

Order Form: [Block & Bridle at VT Feed Kit Preorder Form – Fill out form](#)



**BLOCK & BRIDLE
AT VIRGINIA TECH
FEED SAMPLE KITS**

Help students identify feed successfully!
Preorder your kit today!

Starter Kit: \$50
Add-On Kit: \$25
Starter + Add-On Kits: \$75

Scan the QR code below for more information and pick up options!



Contact Katie Powell at kpowell23@vt.edu with any questions!

Virginia 4-H Lumber Cup

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by Dec 12.** No cost to participate.

Turman Wood Group and **The Virginia Farm Bureau**, 4-H clubs and students are invited to participate in the first ever **Virginia Lumber Cup**- a **new student woodworking challenge** that offers hands-on learning while allowing students to test their skills.

This competition is open to all middle and high school groups, but lumber supplies are limited to the first 150 groups. Students will be directed to regional pick up spots to obtain their bundle of lumber. Projects are due for judging by April 5. This is a great opportunity for students to engage with forestry/timber professionals and their regional Farm Bureau community.



Virginia 4-H WHEP Contest - Interest Registration

Date: Saturday, Marh 21, 2026

Location: James Monroe's Highland, Charlottesville

[Click here to register your 4-H team.](#) [Click here to learn about WHEP.](#)

Virginia 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is a hands-on, environmental education program for 4-H and FFA youth, ages 8-19. It teaches young people valuable lessons about wildlife management, conservation, leadership, team-building, citizenship, and communication.





VT Big Ideas in the Humanities

Dates: Each Saturday morning in February (2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28)

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | In person

Who Should Apply: Middle school students ages 11–14 from across the region.

Cost: FREE (but space is limited)

Click here for more information and to apply. Applications due Dec 19.

Applications are open for this exciting humanities-based enrichment experience for gifted and high-achieving middle schoolers (grades 6–8) on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg! Students will embark on an extraordinary humanities journey designed to spark imagination and fuel passions for the arts, storytelling, philosophy, language, history, creative writing, and more.

To complete the application, students will need to provide a recommendation contact (a teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, community member, mentor, etc.) and a short essay or video expressing their interest in attending the enrichment experience and why the humanities excite them.

VA Fairs Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Want to win up to \$2,500 in scholarships? The VAF Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest is your chance to shine! If you're 14–19 years old as of January 1, 2026, and actively involved in your local VAF-member fair - whether as a youth board member, livestock exhibitor, contest participant, or volunteer - you're eligible. This contest celebrates leadership, teamwork, and creativity while helping you build real-world skills to make a difference in your community. Applications are due **December 5**, so don't wait - step up, show your leadership, and grab this opportunity!

Contestants must be present to participate.

VAF Conference

January 10, 2026

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA

Region 5 AQHYA Youth Conference

Dates: January 24-25, 2026

Location: Bel Air, Maryland

Registration Fee: \$35/participant (includes conference t-shirt, educational sessions, meals). Space is limited to 100 participants.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) Register by January 3rd.

Horse loving youth and adult chaperones are invited to attend this enriching two-day conference is designed to foster leadership, personal growth, and camaraderie among youth from across our region - from New York to Virginia. AQHA membership and horse ownership are not required. Participants will take part in interactive learning, work together on service projects, and enjoy group activities, all while gaining new skills while building friendships in the agricultural and equine communities.

Features: Group lectures and interactive sessions led by experienced professionals • Guided facility tour at Bonita Farm, offering insight into the racing industry and equine management practices • Community service project • Mini-golf social

Youth Leadership Program

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Calling All 4-H, FFA & Jr. MANRRS Members!

Attend the Youth Leadership Program at the American Farm Bureau Convention - FREE! The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is excited to offer a unique national opportunity for 4-H, FFA and Jr. MANRRS members on Jan 11!

From January 9-14, AFBF will host its 107th Annual Convention and Trade Show at the Anaheim Convention Center in

Anaheim, California. As part of this event, a special Youth Leadership Program will be held on Sunday, January 11th, exclusively for youth members of our partnering youth agricultural organizations. This one-of-a-kind experience will allow students to:

- Connect with farmers and ranchers as well as industry leaders from across the country
 - Network with other youth leaders, learn together and build valuable leadership skills
 - Attend the Empowering Young Leaders reception with AFBF President Zippy Duvall
- Don't miss this chance to learn, grow, and be inspired alongside other future leaders of agriculture!



Get Ready to Deck the Halls with PWC Parks and Rec!



HOLIDAY WALK OF LIGHTS – BEGINS DECEMBER 4

Join us for the 4th Annual Holiday Walk of Lights at Neabsco Regional Park and Boardwalk. Wander along a nearly mile-long path of stunning, hand-crafted light displays and celebrate the joy of the holiday season. Bring your loved ones and create memories that sparkle as bright as the lights around you! This is a free event. [Click here for full event dates and important details.](#)

HOLIDAYS THROUGH THE AGES AT RIPPON LODGE – BEGINS DECEMBER 5

Stroll through seasonal celebrations of the past at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. With interiors and exteriors richly decorated for the holidays, guests enjoy an in-depth exploration of seasonal festivities over the centuries. [For all the details and tickets, click here.](#)

GINGERBREAD HOUSES AT RIPPON LODGE – DECEMBER 5-9 AND DECEMBER 12-13

Come view and vote during a special contest of holiday gingerbread houses made by the community being showcased at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. You can view and vote for one from 3 different categories from Dec 5-8, and Dec 12-13. Winners announced Dec 13. Free event; [see all the details here.](#)

HOLIDAY MARKET – DECEMBER 6

Get your holiday shopping at our annual holiday market where you'll find unique gifts, crafts, specialty items and your favorite treats at the Prince William County holiday market. The market offers everything from books, jewelry, leather goods, wreaths, holiday items, crochet items and more! You can browse our wide selection of handcrafted goods, children's clothing and more from your favorite vendors - old and new! Ready-made foods and drinks will also be available for purchase. The event will be held at the same location as the Dale City Farmers Market, 14050 Gemini Way, Dale City. [Click here for more info.](#)

ORNAMENT EXTRAVAGANZA – DECEMBER 6

Are you and your family looking for some holiday fun? If so, come join us for a new spin on a holiday season staple here at Veterans Memorial Park for the Holiday Ornament Exchange! Start planning how you will decorate your specialty ornaments this season. Each registered participant will receive 5 festive holiday ornaments to decorate. [Register today.](#)

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN? – DECEMBER 8

Join Olaf as we have some Frozen fun! This program features stories, songs, and crafts. This is a drop-off program for children ages 3-5; children must be able to separate from guardians. Held at Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center. [Click here to register.](#)

HISTORIC HOLIDAY CONCERT AT BRENTSVILLE – DECEMBER 12

Ring in the holiday season with festive music performed by the Brentsville District High School Choir at the beautiful and historic Brentsville Courthouse. Before the concert, come and get your picture taken with Santa! After the concert, join us around the bonfire to sing a few holiday songs yourself. Doors open at 6:55 pm. *Free event and tickets are not required.

Conference

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Closes: January 16, 2026



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
4 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	1 VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Re-Certification	1 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	5 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg Opens
5-11 National 4-H Week	3-4 PW 4-H Sewing SPIN Club	PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night	13 PW 4-H Association Meeting	10 PW 4-H Rabbit Project Kickoff	3 PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff
7 Proclamation at PWVC BOCs	4 VA 4-H Soil Judging Contest	PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	21 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	14 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	6-7 PW 4-H TALT - Junior Camp Counselor Training
8 PW 4-H Association Fundraising Committee Mtg	6 PW 4-H Engage Locally	PW 4-H Leading by Speaking SPIN Project	23 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	14 VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging	10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	8 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	PW 4-H Canning Class	30 PW 4-H Share the Fun	14 PW 4-H Food Challenge	14 VA 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	12 PW 4-H Association Meeting	PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due	28 PW 4-H Hipology & Horse Judging	14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Champs
14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training	16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	11 PW 4-H Canning Class			21 VA 4-H WHEP Contest
16 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM	20 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM	13 Wreaths Across America Day			25-29 National 4-H IGNITE
19-25 National Character Counts Week	24 PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training				
21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress			TBD VA 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit
23 PW 4-H Presentation Training	28-Dec14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign			TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO
27 PW 4-H Green & Growing					TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 14 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 18 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day TBD National 4-H Conference TBD VA 4-H Equismartz TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg TBD PW 4-H Tree Planting TBD VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Operators Contest TBD TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign TBD VA 4-H/FFA State Poultry Evaluation Contest TBD VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 12 PW 4-H Association Board & Leader Year-End Meeting TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops TBD PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests	16-29 Virginia 4-H Congress 21-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship 30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD State of Virginia's NRA Youth Education Summit TBD Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships TBD VA 4-H Youth Daily Field Day	TBD VA 4-H Northern District Shoot TBD VA 4-H Pork Challenge TBD PW 4-H Fair Camp TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship TBD State Fair of Virginia TBD SFVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairymen's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest,	4-6 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship 5-6 VA 4-H State Shoot TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day

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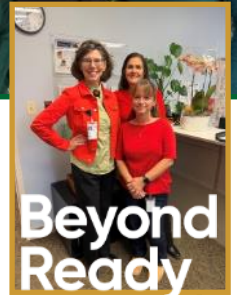
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